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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 12:00 noon Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Rendon moved to approve the minutes from the January 31st, 2018 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid House Bill No. 5456 before the committee:

HB 5456 (Wentworth) Civil procedure; civil actions; asbestos bankruptcy trust claims transparency act; enact.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion Department of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Geiss spoke to the proposed substitute.

Representative Geiss moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for **House Bill No. 5456**. The motion did not prevail **3-6-0**.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Nays: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth.

Pass: None.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Home Builders Association of Michigan, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Mark Docherty, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

Representative Wentworth moved to report **House Bill No. 5456** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **6-3-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth.

Nays: Reps. Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.
Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

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